

## Message Text

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FROM WACASC

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRD, EGEN, NI  
SUBJECT: IMPORT BAN ON AIR FREIGHT

REF: STATE 097318

1. INFORMATION PROVIDED DEPARTMENT CONCERNING BAN ON AIR CARGO INTO MURTALA MUHAMMED AIRPORT, LAGOS, IS BASICALLY CORRECT. ONLY EXCEPTIONS TO BAN ARE LIFE SAVING DRUGS, NEWSPAPERS, NEWSFILMS, DIPLOMATIC AND POST OFFICE MAILS, A.O.G. SPARES, LIVESTOCK AND LIVE ANIMALS TRAVELLING WITH THEIR OWNERS ON SAME AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS BAN WAS AT INSTIGATION OF NIGERIAN AIRWAYS, LTD., AND NOT FMG, IN ORDER TO CLEAR CARGO CONGESTION ON TARMAC AND IN CARGO SHEDS (NIGERIA AIRWAYS IS CARGO AGENT FOR ALL AIRLINES AT AIRPORT). BAN WAS ORIGINALLY IN EFFECT FROM APRIL 14 THROUGH 21: EXTENDED TO APRIL 28: AND, ON APRIL 27, FURTHER EXTENDED TO MAY 5, AS OF TODAY THERE IS GOOD POSSIBILITY BAN WILL AGAIN BE EXTENDED BUT TO WHAT DATE WE ARE NOT CERTAIN. WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS WE CONFIRM.

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2. AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE NOTICE OF BAN WAS CIRCULATED BY NIGERIA AIRWAYS TO "ALL AIRLINE OPERATORS, MURTALA MUHAMMED AIRPORT," WHO WERE ALSO REQUESTED TO HAVE THEIR "CLIENTS TO COME FORWARD FOR THEIR GOODS." FIRST NOTICE ISSUED APRIL 15, ALSO STATED "THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT IS ALERTED AND ARRANGEMENTS TO EXPAND OUR EXESTING SHEDS ARE UNDERWAY." WE HAVE NOW ALSO BEEN INFORMED BY LOCAL EMPLOYEE THAT NOTICE WAS BROADCAST AS NEWS ITEM

ON NIGERIAN RADIO APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AGO.

3. ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO OPR/ST AND  
ALL U.S. DESPATCH AGENCIES.  
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